



City of Grand Rapids

Chief Rahinsky announces IMPACT-Chief's Youth Advisory Council

11/07/17: GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – Chief David Rahinsky is pleased to announce the introduction of his new advisory council, "IMPACT." IMPACT will be comprised of area high school students that live in the City of Grand Rapids and who will meet monthly throughout the school year, with the first meeting scheduled to be held in January. The group will serve as a platform for young adults to voice their opinions and advise the Chief on current police issues from a young adult's perspective.

Students wishing to participate do not need to have an interest in pursuing law enforcement as a career. The program is free and transportation to the monthly meetings will be provided for those needing accommodations.

Through these meetings with IMPACT, Chief Rahinsky hopes to better serve all residents of Grand Rapids, including young adults, by gaining a greater understanding of their experiences with law enforcement and how they view trending law enforcement issues.

"This is a new initiative that I feel is necessary and beneficial for all residents of Grand Rapids," Chief Rahinsky said. "It goes without question that today's young adults are resilient visionaries, founded in family and community. They are eager to be heard. This opportunity is a platform for mutual education, leadership and cultural awareness. It is my goal that we can share, with each other, our experiences, frustrations, and visions for a more collaborative police/community relationship, through dialogue that surrounds trending law enforcement related issues."

Enrollment is currently open and can be completed on the police department's website. For more information, please visit the Grand Rapids Police Department's website, Facebook, or speak with your high school guidance office.

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